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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6579

BILL NUMBER: SB 166

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 28, 2006

BILL AMENDED: Jan 26, 2006

SUBJECT: Physical Therapy.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows a physical therapist to provide subsequent treatment to a patient who was previously referred to the physical therapist for the same condition if: (1) the referral was given not more than 12 months before the request for subsequent treatment; and (2) the physical therapist contacts the referring provider within three days.

The bill allows a physical therapist to evaluate a patient without a referral, but requires the physical therapist to contact the patient's appropriate provider and obtain a referral before providing treatment.

It specifies that a physical therapist may perform sharp debridement only on the order of a physician. The bill also removes the authority that allows physical therapists to practice physical therapy upon the order or referral of a psychologist.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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